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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : C. Lariviere et al.
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Title : COMPRESSION-RESISTANT SANITARY NAPKIN

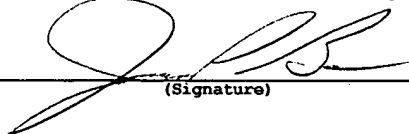
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 11, 2001 please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claim:

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Claim 1. (Amended) A sanitary napkin for placement in a crotch portion of an
undergarment of a wearer, said sanitary napkin having a main body with a longitudinal axis,
two opposite longitudinal side areas and a central region intermediate said two opposite side
areas, said sanitary napkin being characterized by a preferential bending zone on said main